imposed by the U.S. Government on categories 334, 345 and 446 to the Textiles Surveillance Body (TSB) of the GATT. The TSB considered India's case during its meeting at Geneva on July 2-5-1984 and recommended that the unilateral restraints on the above three categories be rescinded by the US Government.

Hike in the price of cotton yarn of lower counts

187. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that steep hike in the prices of cotton yarn of lower counts has adversely affected handloom exports;

(b) what are the reasons for the hike in the prices of cotton yarn of lower counts; and

(c) what steps Government contemplate to take to hold the price line of cotton yarn of lower counts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No, Sir. According to available information the exports of handloom cloth and madeups during April-May 1984 have been more than the corresponding period of last year.

(b) The main reason for the increase in the prices of cotton yarn of lower counts is attributed to the sharp increase in the prices of short and medium staple varieties of cottons in the current cotton season.

(c) Steps taken by Government to contain the prices of cotton yarn of lower counts are as under:—

(i) The Government of Uttar Pradesh have taken a decision to open about 25 yarn depots to supply yarn to the weavers. It is understood that in the first phase 11 yarn depots have already been opened upto the month of June, 1984 and the yarn is being procured from National Textile Corporation, State Textile Corporation and private mills.

(ii) Arrangements have also been made for supply of yarn by National Textile Corporation mills at millgate prices and State Governments have been advised to avail of this facility.

(iii) The National Handloom Development Corporation is preparing a scheme for supply of yarn either through the State Government Agencies or by opening yarn depots to be run by National Handloom Development Corporation or by State Governments.

(iv) Government of India have been financing a scheme to set up cooperative spinning mills in the handloom weavers sector and a sum of Rs. 42 crores have been earmarked during the 6th Plan for this purpose.

(v) A yarn price fixation committee has been constituted in Tamil Nadu under the Chairmanship of Director (Handlooms), Tamil Nadu to regulate the prices of yarn produced by the Cooperative Spinning Mills. Other States have also been advised to form similar committees to control the prices of such yarn.

Project under the department of tourism pending clearance from the Ministry of Works and Housing

188. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names with estimated costs and locations of projects under the Department of Tourism that have been held up due to the delay in getting clearance from the Works and Housing Ministry; and

(b) the dates when applications for clearance were submitted in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) No projects of the Department of Tourism are pending clearance at this stage from the Ministry of Works & Housing.

Billimoria Committee Report on the working of Indian Airlines and Vayudoot

189. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI M. BASAVARAJU:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Billimoria Committee which was set up to inquire into the working of Indian Airlines and Vayudoot has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, when the report was submitted and what are the main recommendations contained in the report; and

(c) what follow-up action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) The report of Shri Billimoria on Vayudoot has been received in January 1984. The report on Indian Airlines is yet to be received. The main recommendations relate to the organisational structure of Vayudoot and its future operational plans.

(c) Two of the recommendations relating to appointment of Part-time Chairman of Vayudoot and constitution of a Steering Group have already been implemented. The other recommendations are under consideration.

Operational profits/losses of the hotel Division of I.T.D.C.

190. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the operational profit/losses of the Hotel Division of the Indian Tourism Development Corporation during 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84 and so far during the current year without excluding the profits earned by duty free shops; and

(b) what was the occupancy rate in each of the Five-Star Hotels under the India Tourism Development Corporation *vis-a-vis* hotels in private sector during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AN1 CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) Necessary information is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Operational profit
1981-82 . . .	8·25
1982-83 . . .	9·58
1983-84 . . .	9·77

Operational profits/losses for th current financial year will become available after the close of the year.

(b) White occupancy rates of hotels in private sectors are not available, a statement showing occupancy percentage of ITDC's 5-star Hotels for the period from April-June for the years 1981-82 to 1984-85 is attached.

Statement

Names of the Five Star hotels owned by I.T.D.C. average occupancy in each Hotel, for the quarter April to June, during the years 1981-82 *to* 84-85

	Occupancy % from April to June.			
	81-82	82-83	83-84	84-85
1	2	3	4	5
Ashok, New Delhi . .	46	45	26	36
Akbar, New Delhi . .	68	58	46	28
Ashok Bangalore	65	53	24	26
Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort .	28	27	26	36